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All Things Wait on the Maine Report

Of the Board of Inquiry is not Yet Ready.

MIDDLE OF NEXT WEEK

Is About as Soon as it Can be Glven Out.

ALL THINGS WAIT ON IT

Captain Sampson Talks to a Newspaper Man, but Doesn't Say Anything .- Vesuvius' Arrival.

Key West, Fla., March 18.-The court of inquiry is diligently continuing its sessions on board the battleship Iowa, and, judging from statements made by mem-should incite the Philippines to revolt bers, it is quite problematical how many Spain could revenge herself by raising more days will pass before the public learns its conclusions.

By the courtesy of Rear Admiral Sicard, the correspondent of the Associated bassador to Italy, in the recent interview Press was today enables to escape the rigor of the recnt rule, forbidding correwas the first civilian to interview the members of the court of inquiry since they secreted themselves on Wednesday

Captain Sampson received the corre spondent on the poop. In the admiral's tenant Commander Potter and Judge Advocate Marix. They had been in session since 10 o'clock this morning, with the ship's writer acting as clerk.

"The court is still hard at work," he reald. "I have just left my confereres. It is utterly impossible to say when our report will be ready, if I surmised the date and you reported it, I am afraid that something might occur that would defeat the expectation and only serve to disappoint the auxlous public. When the report is ready it will not be for us to make the announcement. Washington, I presmue,

If a preliminary report had alreday been sent to Washington, Captin Sampson apparently knew nothing of it.

In the course of the afternoon, while the coming out of the cabin, large quantities of ammunition were taken on board. The same thing took place on the New York. Both ships are now beter supplpide with ammunition than they have been at any

hour during preveiuos sessions of the and Lieutenant Potter entered a gig and were rowed to the New York. Judge Adrocate Marix is staying on board the I wa. The court will resume its sessions

the New York and the lowa klouble harbor watches being enforced. Every craft is submitted to the closest scrutiny of searchlights. Both vessels are ready to pull out at fifteen minutes notice, and special attention is being given to the instruction of the saflors in small arms

Tomorrow, the court will devote considerable time to the preparation of diagrams

the report of the Spanish naval court upon the Maine disaster will not be de-

MIDDLE OF NEXT WEEK Is About as Early as the Report Can

be Expected.

Washingto n. March 18 -An air of suspense was noticeable in the navy department today, due to the approach of the time for the delivery of the report of the sourt ofiniquity. It is not known fust when the document will come to Washdetermination of outside parties to obtain possession of it before the department receives the report, the officials, if they knew, will not say how the papers

are to be brought to Washington, All dent has uggested that the report be made as soon as possible, and in consequence it is expected to reach this city in the ourse of two or three days. The cabinet today talked over the matter, and the time stated was the general opinion of the mem bors when they heard all that Secretary Long had to report on the subject. There is an impression that Lieutenant Commander Marix will bring the document. though it is within Admiral Sleard's pow-

A cabiner officer expressed the belief ideration on the part of the president and his cabinet before being given to the public, which would seem to postpone publication to some time about the middle of next week, nithough nothing is cer-

The report that the Vestiving had been statured early in the day coming though the Virginia capes, headed for Washington, gave rise to the rumor that she was bringing the report of the naval board ever, could not be confirmed from any

ted that the Yesuvius was hound for ! Washington, but it was explaind that she naval attache at Washington, who has ament, and it was denied that she had defenses, has been appointed on the staff on board any member of the naval board of the admiralty and has had a long tions. The plan is to connect all of the

tonight, but it was reported at the pavy

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Spanish Ambassador's Way to Get Even.

IF WAR SHOULD COME

Let Spain Incite Revolt in the Southern States.

Vienna, March 18.-The Neue Frie publishes an interview with a Spanish statesman, evidently the Marquis De Hoyos, the Spanish ambassador, who is repreconted as saving:

United States than pay compensation for Worse. the Maine, for by the latter course she name from the list of civilized nations. "It could not be England's intention to see the Spanlards expelled from Cuba, as there might arise at Washington an inclination to declare Canada's independence. If during a war the United States

revolfs in the American southern states. The other feature of the interview virually repeat the statements attributed to Senor Ciapriano Del Mazo, Spanish amwith him, published in the Rome Tribuna.

spondents to go on hoard warships, and TRANSFER OF THE AMAZONAS Event in Essential Respects is Unique in Naval History.

Gravesend, March 18.-The cduiser Amatonas, built by the Armstrong's for Brazil and purchased by the United States, was foramlly transferred from the Brazillan flag to the stars and stripes shortly after II o'clock this morning.

The ceremony was simple and dignified and to the Brazilian officeers it was somewhat pathetic.

Lieutenant Commander Colwell, United States naval attache, accompanied by Ensign Roberts, Assistant Engineer Morris and Consul Gereral Osborne, arrived on board shortly before 11 a. m. The chief officers of the coast guard and a number of customs officers, all in uniform, were already on board. Lieutenant Command-Colwell and his party were received at the gangway by Lieutenant Santos and were ecorted to the captain's cabin , where they were received by Commander Corres In reply to Lieutenant Commander Colwell's inquiry, Commander Corres said he

was ready to transfer the vessel forthwith and Messrs Colwell, Roberts donned with the inscription showing that the dectheir uniforms and, proceeding on deck, gathered near the flagstaff, from which the green flag of Brazil was flying.

Then Lieutenant Commander Colwell.

sailors of the United States ship Maine." the green flag of Brazil was flying. saluting Commander Corres, said: "Captain(I have bere a contract of sale, to

vessel is to be transferred to me in behalf of the United States." Commander Corres replied, through an interpreter saying: "In handing over the ship. I desire to say that it is done with the sinvere friendship of Brazil."

Lieutenant Colwel, saluting, replied: "In behalf of the United States I thank By pursued purpose of the navy and war sions, is 100,000 men, which in times of Arrangements in Progress to Blow you for this sentiment." A Brazilian sallor then brought down

of the mast, carrying it in his teeth. In the center of a circle of officers of both nations, Lieutenant Commander Col-

from the cruiser's stern, and, as the officre bared their haeds, the flag of Brazil still uncovered, Old Glory was run up the baust be reinforced by a number

Lientenant Commander Colwell and the Brazilian officers then shook hands. Com- placement and able to keep the sea mander Corres invited the party into the almost as well as a crulser. With the eabin to drink to the ship and the Brazillan captain showed the party over the vessel and furnished them with invenories of the supplies.

The Amazonas will remain in charge Ensign Roberts and Assistant Engineer McMorris until the United States cruiser San Francisco arrives here.

Great interest was taken in the ceremony, which is said to be unique in naval history, by which one power transferred a warship to another in the harbor of a

Several American flags were holsted at Gravesend after the stars and stripes were unfolded over the Amazonas.

The United States cruiser San Francisco arrived here at 3:30 p. m., passing the Amazonas after saluting Tilbrey fort. The band played "The Star Spangled Banner" with the crew standing at "attention." Cantain Leary said he had a pleasant read dispatches and thought at first that

war had been declared.

moorings, ordered 600 tons of coal for the come. to complete the work on Monday, when ington, criticized our government today she will go to Hot Haven to take on ammunition, which is awaiting her there. Thence the Amazona salla, presumably for Key West, the San Francisco going to command of the Amazonas and seven other officers of the San Francisco will accompany him. Stokers and some seamen

SOBRAL HAS BEEN PROMOTED He Possesses all the Plans of Uncle

Sam's Defenses. Herald from Madrid says:

"It is significant that Senor Sobral, late was coming merely for repairs to her arm | full plans of all the United States coast conference with the minister of state.

Bethlehem, Pa., March 18.-The Bethlehem Iron company today shipped three matters to which Major General Nelson Daily Maji from Brussels says that no of that fictills have induced the navy defive-inch gunz, jackflets and hoops, to the A. Miles gave his attention on his tour of approach his been made to Belgium for partment to withdraw the first at Key Washington pavy yard.

This is How Spain's Antics

Strike Vienna.

AUSTRO-SPANISH COMBINE

If Effected Might Have a Most Amazing Sequel.

London, March 18.-The Vienna correspondent of the Times says:

pano-American conflict engresses public attention. Spain's latest representations at Washington are regarded as an in H-"Spain would rather have war with the cation that the situation has grown

"The Fremdenblatt, expressing this would forfeit her honor through an ad- opinion, finds it conceivable that Spain mission of guilt, which would erase her should seek to prevent America perfecting her armaments by a pretense of desir-

WITH AUSTRIA AS ALLY Sagasta Feels That He Can Safely

Post from Washington says:

This alliance has armed Sagasta with the conscious power that he can, with safety to the trone, enter upon and carry into effect negotiations for the relinquishment of Cuba. And in this fact is to be found the keystone upon which rests substantial hope of a peaceful ending of the present most important development which has taken place since the Cuban question as-

Herald from Havana says:

"It is the evident intention of General Blanco to make it appear that an alli-ance has been formed between Austria These figures have been

Havana, March 18.-Visitors to the Colon while from the central place of sepuicher are effective for military purposes. waves a long streamer of red and yellow, oration and flowers were placed there by the sailors of the Austrian warship Don-

BEST SEA-FIGHTERS OF ALL Torpedo Boat Destroyers May Yet Win That Distinction.

efforts to obtain possession of desirable from various causes. Brazil's blue-starred pennant from the top tack. The information of the new squad- second reserve 160,000 men, all of whom fortifications at Ballast Point is being being the outcome of the deslings of the well then faced the Brazilian flag flying strategic board, which has been sitting almost all day at the many department for some time past. Another conclusion was hauled down at 11.10 a. m., after of the heard which it is desired to pt is which, facing about, with their beads force as soon as possible is that the navy pedo boat destroyers, not orpodo boats. enormous speed of 30 knots per hour and an offensive armament of quick-fire guns equal to the average gunbout, it is said that the power of such craft is certainly very great and that perhaps they may little use to the Spanish government. prove to be the ideal naval craft matters expressed the spinion today that could be supplemented by 4,000 volunteers, two such torpedo boat destroyers might annihilate the biggest buttleship in the world if they stood ready to run the risk of being sunk themselves. All that would be necessary for them to do, he said, would to be to hold the battleship in sight during the daylight hours, which they speed, and when darkness had come to tion. He said: attack the battleship from opposite direc-

as having been too narrow-minded in ol- independent." lowing money for such boats.

Senator Hawley of Connecticut called he intorduced to the officials as the buildrian. He recalled the fact that the vessel overcome the opposition of mayal officials

Te Connect Forts by Wire.

New York, March 18 - Further plans to New York, March 18-A special to the make perfect the means of communication between the defenses of New York have been made. Within a day or two it i probable that the contract will be let for laying a large cable of the size used in the ocean between all of the local fortificaforts surrounding New York City with Inspection on Tuesday.

SITUATION IS WORSE GOING OUT PAGIFYING HE CALLS IT HELLISH NOT TO BE DAUNTED Blanco Will Subjugate the

THAT IS, IF HE IS ABLE

Eastern Provinces.

Will Try to Capture the Insurgent Government.

"The increasing probability of a His- SPAIN'S MILITARY FORCE

Figures Showing What Sort of Fight She Can Put Up .- One-thirtieth Uncle Sam's Strength.

Madrid, March 18.-It is asserted that, the central and western provinces having been pacified, General Blanco is about starting on extensive operations with Relinquish Caba. eighty battalions and large volunteer Chicago, March 18-A special to the forces, to destroy the insurgent power inj eastern Cuba. General Blanco will direct "Great significance attaches to the prac- his efforts especially to demolishing what tically agreed upon alliance between Aus- is described as "the more or less embrytria and Spain, for the protection of the onic organization which has enabled the Spanish throne against internal attack, rebels to maintain the appearance of gov-

> Mudrid, March 18-The government is exceedingly hopeful of early results from General Bianco's plan of large operations in the cast of the Island.

troubles. This alliance is in reality the Figures Showing Every Ounce of Spain's Military Strength.

Washington, March 18.-Seventy thou-New York, March 18.—A dispatch to the diers who have been killed, wounded and

These figures have been received in this and Spain. With or without the sanction city recently from reliable sources, and by an external agency and almost every of his government, the Austrian consul, are said to be as nearly authentic as it is person with whom I discussed the sub-Frederick H. Berndes, is lending himself possible to obtain them without recourse to this idea. La Lucha and El Diario de to the records kept by the Spanish govla Marina continue to comment upon the ernment. From the same source consid-Austrian gift of 100 centenes to the fund erable other information bearing upon the

as follows: About 25,000 are in the eastern are avowedly favorable to a war for in-provinces of Santiago de Cuba and Puerto dependence but many of those who are. This is now to be carried forward and in been received in this city from Washprovinces of Santa Clara, Mainnas, Ha- are at heart advocates Cuban independ- gives the Cubans control of their tariff of favorably disposed to a proposition from vana and Pinar del Rio. There are about once. The fact is that even in Havana the fairs. Messrs. Angula, Varein and Car. Spain stoyiding for the withdrawal of the unteer army. These are mostly in the and doubtful character and if war should cubinet to represent that body. province of Havana and are largely in come it would be found that there would ing at this time of the emergency, how. United States fleet should be recalled Win That Distinction.

Washington. March 15.—The navy Getour state militia. There are \$6.000 men in the nature of home guards, corresponding to an uprising in that city against the ever, the suggestion has been made that from key West. The navy Getour state militia. There are \$6.000 men in the country, which would be a most the Cuban commissioners would not conpartment by no means has suspended its who are not effective for military duty

warships abroad and in no direction is The strength of the Spanish army at there visible any relaxation of the stead- home and including her near-by possesdepartments to provide for the defense demand for additional soldiers may be inof the country against possible hostile at- creased as follows: First reserve 50,600; ron at Hampton Roads is the latest mani- are instructed in military tactics, and a pushed with all possible speed by the festation of activity in this direction, second reserve, all of whom are not in- men of battery D. Orders have been restructed, of 50,000 men, making in all a ceived not to permit any one to land or grand total of 340,000 men. Since these the government reservation where the figures were received here, recent drafts big guns are to be mounted. The men Cuba leave only \$5.000 men of Spain's reg- have begun building a torpedo magazine North Africa and the Canary Islands.

In the Philippine Islands Spain has an The torpedo system will be in the deepest army of 12.00 men, which include about part of the ship channel just inside the liveous features which the Cuban goverthe latter were disbanded during the time government secret. of the late insurrection in the islands and in time of war, it is said, they are of very the Monterey and Monadnock have receive commercial treaty In Ports Rico there are 5.000 Spanish moment's notice. who is considered an expert in ordinance troops, which in the event of hostilities

GENERAL FOSTER'S PLAN Recognize Cubn and See What Spain

Will do About It.

tions simultaneously at full speed with lies with Spain. She must accept our in- sul General Gowdy. The ambassador, retorpedoes. Such considerations as these three influenced the policy of the board to recommend the procurement of as many of these boars as possible and as soon as horrors suffered by the harping for the failure of the sanguage that the same of the condition of the failure of the sanguage that the same of the sanguage that the same of the sense of the sen Cantain Leary said to nau a possible and as possible and as soon as horrors suffered by the hard possible. So far the department has been reconcentrated by the Union Consistent who is said to unable to buy any abroad and while four fustifies the United States in intervening report may prove to be the last straw." normal conditions more restared, the people boats of the larger class of D promptly. Now, what chape should our The secretary of the United States emple throughout the bland would accept a fourne correspondent at Harana, was unable to buy any abroad and while four justifies the United States in intervening report may prove to be the last straw." war had been declared.

Commodore Howell, who was received boats of the larger class of the Destroyby Lieutenant Commander Colwell the moment the San Francisco reached her moment the San Francisco reached her moment to the larger class of the l A representative of one of the largest clare war against a weaker nation. But does not applied the attitude of Presi- mould nesent them when they were any one class. This being true, of offices I cons. which is coaling and is expected English torpode boat firms now in Wash- the burden of the decision upon her by dent McKinley in every expedient before brought forward to proper form as one could not have given the alleged upon by the simple course of recognizing Cuba as

Fort Riley Troops Enroute.

er of the first monitor on the Ericsson teries are made up of two train sections with Spain will shortly be ended." consisting of nine stuck cars for horses. was an experimental one and he had to and bargage, three flat cars for the guns. owing to the radical departure from es- and a Pullman sleeper for therifficers Esttery F goes to Savannah, Ga., and battery B to New Orleans.

New Rifle to be Tested.

Des Moines, Ia., March 18,-W. Condit. secretary of the McLean Manufacturing company, left for Washington today, to confer with Secretary of War Algar and General Miles in regard to the new Mo-Lean military rifle which will be tested at Springfield, Mrss., within a few days.

arbitrating the Maine affair.

And Says Nobody Could Overstate It.

GALLINGER WILL SIGN

In Blank and Whoever Will May Write the Story.

linger was at the Capitol today for the first time since his return from Cuba. re responded:

Washington, March 18 -Senstor Gal-

"You can sign my name to any picture titution and hellishness in that country. The condition of affairs is simply inde scribable. I do not believe that anyone who simply reads the accounts and does not see for himself can form an adequate idea of the situation.

"The reconcentradoes are wedged into brutal policy and the tragedy goes on beyond the reach of aid, either through

"I saw nothing which impressed me

"So far as I could ascertain from my the American court of inquiry will substantiate this view. "There is a divergence of opinion on

pendencies is obtained.

I am sure that I am within the bounds

The present force of Spain in Cuba is as of the truth when I say that almost the important factor in shortening the contest and deciding it against Spain,"

FORTIFYING AT SAN DIEGO up the Enemy's Ships.

San Diego, Cal., March 18.-Work on the of 15,000 men to strengthen the army in under command of Captain Humphreys ular army now in the peninsula, the Ba- within 100 feet of the quarantine station. learic Islands, the Spanish possessions in The torpedo cassment north of Ballast

It is reported that the commanders of ed orders to be ready to put to sea at a

VERY MUCH FRENCHIFIED Have Become.

London, March 18.-The Morning Leader publishes a dispatch from Parts giving Toledo, O., March 18.-Ex-Secretary of interviews which its correspondent is said the Treasury Charles W. Fester gave at to have had with the United States amcould do easily, owing to their superior newspaper interview on the Cuban attua- bussedor, General Horace Porter, the secretary of the United States embassy, Mr. "The decision for peace or war really H. Pry Vignaud, and United States Con-

resorting to war."

NOTHING TO DO WITH THE CASE etc., two tourist cars for the enlisted men Spanish Fleet's Halt Did Not Occasion the Key West Exodus.

Madrid, March 18 -The Impurcial today

says: "The instructions sent to the terpede feet to remain in the Canary Islands are due to the government's desire that the squadron should be escorted to Cuba stringer. by a critiser, and for no other reason." Washington March 18 -- No official notice of the stoppage of the Spanish torpede boat flotilla at the Canary Islands. and their turning back from that point has reached our government as yet, so Wes is said to be without basis of fact.

Men of the Dauntless, Finding Occupation Gone

ENLIST IN THE NAVY

Hoping Still to Get a Chance at Spain.

New Orleans, La., March 18.-The crew of the fillbusterer. Dauntless, seventeen in When requested to make a statement as all, finding occupation gone by the setzure IF SPANISH TROOPS GO to the condition of affairs on that island, of the boot, joined the United States navy today.

you may draw of utter wretchedness, des- MEETING TO TALK RECIPROCITY May Assume a Character as a Peace Commission.

Washington, March 18.-A distinguished assemblage of citizens representing in their several capacities the Spanish gov ernment and the new insular government all available places in those cities and are of Cuba, met here today. They include perishing by the thousands for want of the Spanish minister, who, in this ineighty battalions and large volunteer the commonest necessaries of life. The stance, acts as the special plenipotenconclusion that there have been beyond a mercial treaties; Senor Manuel Rafael that they are not weakening in the slightdoubt 400.000 deaths as a result of Spain's Angulo, special delegate of the Cuban est degree, and are willing to continue from day to day. The society of the Red Cross is furnishing some relief by its Havans, joint commissioner, and Sener such an agreement were feasible was Cardana of the Cuban finance division. talked of earnestly by the officials of the joint commissioner

with the idea that Spain knows much open the negotiations for commercial and that which might seem reasonable about modern warfare. The soldiers I treaties between the United States, Spain now from the Cuban's petnt of view, may saw are not drilled as our soldiers are. and Cuba, but in view of the present con- be gathered from the following reply to WHAT BLANCO CAN COUNT ON The drills that I witnessed were a dition of affairs, it is not improbable that such a question, which T. Estrada Palma travesty on modern military ideas. From their connections with all the official made this evening my observation I should not consider branches of the Spanish and Cuban gov- "At the beginning them very formidable antagonists on the ernments will permit their deliberations field of battle. comes direct from Havana, accompanie conversation with Americans and with by Senor William Graele, his secretary otherwise incapacitated for duty during with those not entirely under the influence Senor Angulo came from Havana some of the Spaniards, the opinion was universal that the Maine had been destroyed and arriving here last night. He is accompanied by Mme. Angulo. Senor Carject in Cuba expects that the findings of route from Havans. In anticipation of dena will arrive tomorrow, being now en Senor Cardena's arrival the Spanish minister has conferred with Commissioner Kasson with a view of making general ar-

being raised by Havana merchants for the purchase of a warship for Spain."

Havana March is Visitors to the Colors

The response of the probabilities of war rangements for the opening of negotia- between Spain and the United States and tions.

The response of the probabilities of war rangements for the opening of negotia- anything. The response of the probabilities of war rangements for the opening of negotia- anything. The reciprocity treatles which it is procemetery find the graves of the dead of the Maine decorated with many flowers.

The present force of spain in Cuon is as of the truth when I say that aimost the follows: Regulars 135,000 men. Of this entire native population would welcome while from the central place of spaining the central place of spain would wrest Cuba from Spanish domin- time, and considerable preliminary work of the island that impair its productive They are distributed through the Island ion. This is true, not only of those who was accomplished by Minister Woodford capacity." Principe, and the remainder are in the ranked as Spanish sympathizers but who execution of the autonomy plan that ington to the effect that the cabinet was 20,000 men in what is known as the vol. allegiance to Spain is of a very weak dam have been designated by the Cuban Spanish troops from Cuba, leaving the affairs if the opportunity presented of siding a reconciliation of the insurgents.

in any official quarter, but it is thought that such a move would be made if there

MAKES AN AUTONOMY TALK Senor Anguelo Tries to Put Salt on

the American Engle's Tail. who is at the head of the commission appointed by the Cuban cabinet, talked freely today concerning the purpose his mission. Mr. Anguelo said that his authority was confirmed strictly to com-Point hattery is ready for the electricians. | mercial affairs between the United States and Cuba. Thepresent emersency might of Cuba is alleged to have said the United 15,000 native troops. Several regiments of point, although the exact location is a nment would desire him to sex on but that would require further instruction, as his only purpose was to deal with the

Mr. Anguelo said the Cuban people de-

sired self government Heretofore they had felt that Spain was not willing to grant real autonomy When, however, Spain put Into force the by the most advanced nuturemists ! and others who had always belonged to the radical automomist wing, were conof the moment passed away all Cubana would accept entonomy as giving them a letter. He said. home rule in its fullest sense. The delay from General Weyler and for that reason. to suidning the insurgents and the falliers

nution. The United States should not do. There is not an American in Paris who sovereigners, he had no doubt Spain a letter from General Weyler of from , Spanish government had always declared any one. The consul general said: "The real heart that it wished not for autumony in more and sould have not yet been heard. The name, but in reality. Mr. Anguein said Memphis, Tenn., March 18.-Batteries B gurface talk which causes the collapse of these modifications in the sun-morar plan morning with Thomas F. Rowland, whom and F. Fourth U. S. artillery, arrived here stocks does not mark serious attention. Were quite lengthy and had been placed this morning from Fort Riley. The but- Unless I am greatly mistaken our troubles. In the form of a manifesto by the automo-

> Mr. Anguelo stated that he had no doubt that the Culan problem would be Pietred States and Spain. It would have been settled before this time, he said, if the present agration had the influenced those who weer about to arrept autonomy. and induced them to adopt an expectant

When saked as to the present war propararions and the protoent of a conflict be

between the United States and Spain over official returns showing that the co-co-cuts, first, because, ware the tests of the Cubus sestions for Petrinors Governor's Island and was one of the London March IS.-A disputch to the that any assumption that the movements Sense Canonas, the policy has been such more than double the same month out

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To Nothing is the Price Cuba Will Pay

TO BE RID OF SPAIN

Day of Compromise is Just About Over.

Leaving the Spanish Flag Floating. Cubaus Will See to It That it Floats Not Long.

New York, March 18.-That the Cubans are willing to end the strife in their island 's without question, but while they are willing to pay Spain an indemnity, the leaders here are postive in their assertions Junta here today. Primarily these officials have met to might have been paid three years ago,

"At the beginning the war debt was reasons that the revolt was precipitated. 'In the beginning of 1886, after the in-

vasion of the western provinces by the Cubans, the latter might have been will-"At the beginning of the dry season of 1396-97, they would have paid \$150,000,000, but now they would not give more, if as

"If the wet season should set in this year before such an agreement could be arranged, we would not think of paying "The reason for the decrease in the

much, than \$100,000,000.

When Mr. Palma's attention was called its origin in an official quarfter in Wash-

"Well, that would satisfy the Cubans, and I assure you we would see to it that the Spanish flaw would be very quickly supplanted by our own. "Cuba Libre" is er ad interim, to the acceptance of any-

thing short of absolute independence." WEYLER DENIES THE LETTER

nected With the Case, Madrid, March 18.-General Weyler denies the authenomity of the letter pubhabed in the New York Journal yesterday in which the former captain general. warship to Havana white he was in comment that awaited there," adding that he had Havana "well prepared for such an works of Martinez Campos carelogdy

Havana, March 18 .- Last sight a corres jondent saw Don Francisco De Los Sanaffected to have written a fetter, published parently suggesting the destruction of the United States buttleship Maine. The forpriced when select if he had received such

NEW CUBAN RELIEF SYSTEM Mayors of the Interior Towns Taken

in as Distributors. Havans, March St.-Circulars have been sent to the sicades of glout 30 towes in Cube notifying them of the new methods ment amounting to one pound per day per capits will be the first supply sent. Continuing, the corming asks that alcodes proper officers or consult relief is properly distributed. Further mugent, the number of people fad, ste.

Cuban Customs Versas Proctor. "I do not believe there is as he a confirst from Madrid says: "The published in of that the United States anneave no parces. Year are regarded here as throwing old water an Senatur Proctor's report that